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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Kindly replace the original abstract (page 76) with the enclosed substitute abstract. A copy of the marked-up changes to the abstract is attached and entitled "Version with Markings to Show Change Made".

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly cancel claims 1-26 without prejudice or disclaimer recited thereof.